



Auburn York Rite & Placer Shrine Club

March 2011 Newsletter



Auburn York Rite

Delta Chapter No. 27 RAM

Stated Convocation - 2nd Mon- 7:30

Gateway Council No. 13 CM

Stated Assembly -4th Mon 7:30 PM

Feb-Apr-June-Sept-Oct-Nov

Auburn Commandery No. 52 KT

Stated Conclave - 3rd Mon 7:30 PM



Placer Shrine Club

General Membership Meeting (Pot Luck)

4th Tues Jan, March, May, Sept.

Board of Directors 4th Tuesday

Feb, April, June, Oct.

PV is in second weekend in July.

The next deadline for articles is March 23rd to be turned into the editor,

Dave Glass, by sending an email to:

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mail to Dave Glass 6431 Valley Hi Dr.

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Anyone can submit an article or spotlight that would benefit the Auburn York Rite and/or Placer Shrine Club.

March Calendar and upcoming events

Sat. Mar. 5 th		Placer Shrine Club Screening Clinic
Mon. Mar. 14 th	6:30 PM	Delta Chapter Dinner & Short Meeting Degree Practice afterward
Sat. Mar. 19 th	8:00 AM	SSYRA Chapter Festival in Woodland
Mon. Mar. 21 st	6:30 PM	Auburn Commandery Meeting
Tue. Mar. 22 nd	7:00 PM	Placer Shrine Club General Membership Meeting
Mon. Mar 28 th		Planned Royal Arch Widows Degree cancelled Not sure if this will be a social night or a degree practice. This will be discussed at the Delta Chapter meeting
Sat. Apr. 16 th	8:00 AM	Auburn Square and Compass Club Breakfast
Sat. Apr. 23 rd	8:00 AM	Ben Ali Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast
April 23 rd & 24 th		Grand Encampment Easter Observance – Los Angeles
Sat. Apr. 30 th	9:00 AM	SSYRA Council Festival in Auburn
May 21 st to 26 th		Grand York Rite Sessions in Bakersfield (reservation forms are due by April 20 th)

Royal Arch Widows Degree CANCELLED

Sadly, we did not get people to volunteer for the parts and there were very little response for attendees. Therefore we will not have the degree as planned.



Help Wanted

Persons with culinary talents to prepare the meals at our stated meetings.

Our Presiding Officers need your help in providing this much needed function. Our turnout at the meetings has been predicated with this feature. We have to face reality, some of these people can't cook! Please reach out to Scott, Tom and Bruce if you are able to help for a certain night. Your food expenses will be reimbursed (please provide the receipts). Thank you.



Delta Chapter No. 27, Royal Arch Masons
Scott Husmann, Excellent High Priest



Greetings Companions,

I hope all is going well for each of you and your families. If you have made it to any of our activities this year, you have noticed that we have had some good meals. March will be no different. Companion Nick Abreu will prepare our dinner before the March convocation. Dinner and fellowship start at 6:30 with the convocation at 7:30. The fellowship picks up again after the meetings.

At our February convocation we adopted the annual budget, appointed the charity, membership and investment committees. We also approved a motion to seek dispensation to move the stated convocation of May to Roseville. Our hope is to connect better with our Companions that came to us from the Roseville Chapter. We still need to find an open date at the Roseville Temple. In the mean time, I can use your help planning that evening. Please give me a call or, better yet, come to the March meeting. I am hoping to put on some type of Royal Arch education program preceded with a meal and a chance to visit afterwards.

Also on our calendar of upcoming events is the Royal Arch Degree festival in Woodland on March 19. Delta Chapter will confer the Past Masters and Most Excellent Masters Degrees. We will practice after our next convocation on the evening of March 14. Please join us for a fine meal, a short meeting and Royal Arch Masonry.

R. Scott Husmann, Excellent High Priest

Gateway Council #13, Cryptic Masons
Tom Krummell, Illustrious Master
From the Cryptic East of Auburn...



Winter is almost over, but you'd never believe it with the weather we are having. Snow at Applegate, I-80 closed for a while over Donner Summit, the Union Pacific down to one operational track due to snow near Fulda, and more on the way for the first week of March. My hat is off to those Companions who brave the weather just to show up for our meetings.

February 28 is the stated meeting this month, and may have already passed by the time you read this. Prior to the meeting, however, another important meeting was held to get the Auburn Masonic Hall Association back running again with a new Board of Directors. For the past 3 years the Hall Board has been operating out of compliance with its Bylaws, and directors were appointed directly by the four owning members (i.e., Masonic organizations) incorrectly. With guidance from the Inspector of the 406th Masonic District, nine new directors were elected on February 24th to serve: 5 nominations from Eureka Lodge #16, 2 from Auburn Commandery #52, 1 from Delta Chapter #27, and 1 from Gateway Council #13. The Directors will meet prior to the February 28th meeting of Gateway Council and elect officers from among themselves, and the officers chosen will then draw straws to determine lengths of their term: 1 year, 2 years, or 3 years.

This may not sound important, but it is VERY important because it rights an issue which revolves around compliance with both the Bylaws for Multiple Member Hall Associations and the California Corporation Code. Sir Knights Bruce Pruitt and Bob Spindler were elected as directors from the Commandery; I was elected from Gateway Council; Companion Russ Harris from Delta Chapter; and Brothers Roy Vermes, Stewart Vermes, Bill Butrica, Phillip Sugg, and Ron Lawrence from Eureka Lodge #16. We will work well together over the next few years. As an aside, 7 of the 9 members belong to Eureka Lodge #16; 2 belong to the York Rite only; and 5 belong to both Eureka Lodge and the York Rite.

Practice for the upcoming Most Excellent Master Degree in Auburn on April 30 is planned for March 28. Gateway Council and Nevada City Council will be combining forces to confer the Most Excellent Master Degree, while Amador Council and Sacramento Council will confer the Royal Select Master Degree. We need members for several non-speaking parts, including the Cherubim at the altar. We welcome your participation.

And finally, Companions, enjoy this transition to another Spring season this month.

Fraternally,
Tom Krummell, Illustrious Master

Auburn Commandery #52, Knights Templar
W. Bruce Pruitt, Eminent Commander



Sir Knights and Ladies: I had a very enjoyable and educational time at the Masonic Week meeting in Alexandria, VA on Feb. 8 – 13. AMD, HRAKTP, SRICF, St. Thomas of Acon, Knight Masons, Philalathes, Grand College of Rites, etc. all have annual meetings at that time. There are also interesting papers and nice meals enjoyed. The Trustees of our Knights Templar Eye Foundation also had a business session. I thought you might be interested in some of the history of that, our major charity.

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

The idea for such a project was initially suggested in 1952 by S. K. Walter DeLamater, from New York City. A study committee was put in place, and at the 1955 Grand Encampment Conclave then Deputy Grand Master DeLamater gave the committee report and formally moved the formation of an Eye Hospital. Considerable discussion ensued, debating "Hospital" verses "Foundation," and also the question of funding. The word "Foundation" was adopted, and the objective was to "...treat those with diseases or injuries to the eyes."

Initial funding was from a \$1.00 per member per year assessment (which has never changed). S.K. DeLamater served as Grand Master in 1958-61, and continued as Executive Director of the foundation until his death in 1973. S.K. Wilber Bell, PGM was the last Executive Director. GM William Thornley served as CEO until S.K. Marvin Selock was hired as Business Manager under GM Blair Mayford.

In 1973 it was reported that the permanent fund had reached just under \$1.9 million; at that time over 4000 cases had been treated. By 1998, when the history of the foundation was published, fund market value was \$66.5 million. Over 60,000 recipients had been treated, for a cost of over \$63 million. As of the end of 2010, the score stands at 89,861 case applications received, and \$113,517,572 expended for treatments.

Grants for research on eye diseases have become much more important and beneficial than paying for operations. Essentially all recent cases involve cataracts rather than real diseases which can usually be paid for by insurance or the Senior Eye Care. On the other hand, our grants support early research studies, which are not covered by big corporate or government funding. In the future, supporting research will be our goal, except in case of serious emergency. Our Eye Foundation is extremely efficient, with administrative expenses amounting to only 5% of total. It's an effort to be greatly proud of!

Fraternally, Bruce

Placer Shrine Club
Matt Enright, President



The Placer Shrine Club held its annual Crab Feed on Saturday, February 26th. The event was well attended and everyone really enjoyed a fantastic crab feast. The raffle for donated gifts was a big hit, and many attendees left the feed with some real bargains and great gifts. Golfing for 4 at Edgewood in Tahoe, a Loana Beeson print of Nevada City, and a wonderful handmade quilt by Nancy Drysdale are just a few of the examples of the raffle items. If you have never attended one of our crab feeds, you should plan on doing so next year. It is always the last weekend of February, so put it on your calendar now!

Our annual Screening Clinic is scheduled for Saturday, March 5th at Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital in Grass Valley. If anyone knows of a child that may be in need of some medical help, please contact any Shriner to get them referred to the hospital.

Fraternally,
Matt Enright
Club President